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Subject: Press inquiry due at 2pm today: Vice on PFAS

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From: Lynn, Tricia

Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 10:18 AM

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Subject: FW: ANDREA - ANSWERS - Vice re: PFAS Chemicals

Hi OPPT and OLEM!

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Tricia

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Subject: ANDREA - ANSWERS - Vice re: PFAS Chemicals

Provided below with recommendations for other office input.



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DATE: September 4, 2018

OUTLET: Vice

REPORTER: Sam Easter

TOPIC: PFAS Chemicals

DEADLINE: Thursday, Sept. 6th – 3:30 pm

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PERTINENT INFORMATION:

QUESTIONS:

1. How long has the EPA been aware of the dangers of PFOS/PFOA and other PFAS chemicals?
2. I am aware that in 2016 the EPA set its health advisory levels for PFOS and PFOA at 70 parts per trillion. For cases when both chemicals are present, is this advisory level passed when the total of both chemicals exceeds 70 ppt, or when the measure of one individual chemical exceeds 70 ppt?
3. What other federal regulations currently exist to protect consumers from PFAS chemicals?
4. Many sources describe a process of mutual agreement through which the federal government and leading manufacturers of PFOS/PFOA ended those chemicals' manufacture and import in the U.S. Can you describe this process in greater detail or provide resources that describe it?
5. What is EPA doing to address and curb PFAS contamination in the future?
6. I've spoken to multiple sources who are doubtful that the EPA can or will move expeditiously to combat PFAS contamination. One such source is Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint, who accused the agency of "look[ing] the other way every time they have a chance to protect the public health." Another source

suggested that corporate profit motives are in direct conflict with the EPA's interest in regulating these chemicals, making the process more politically difficult. How does the EPA respond to these claims?

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